THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ocean Thermal Energy Projects

1448. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up any research project to tap Ocean thermal enery;

(b) if so, what are the deatils, thereof;

(c) whether Government have also taken up any ocean thermal energy conversion project; and

(d) if so, what are the details of progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a to (d) A techno-economic feasibility for setting up a 1 MWe Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Plant (OTEC) was carired out by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources at Kavaratti in Lakshadweep Islands. This study revealed two major constraints *viz.* high capital cost for small sized OTEC Plant and inadequate availability of land. In view of severe financial constraints, it is not possible to undertake this experimenal project.

To improve upon the economics of OTEC to acceptable limits, a techno-economic feasibility for a 5 to 8 MWC OTEC Plant in Andaman Island is now being undertaken.

Revision of MRTP and FERA provisions

1449. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government for a drastic revision in the MRTP and FERA provisions;

(b) whether Government have examined the suggestion of the ASSOCHAM in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The Government have come across a news-item under the caption "ASSOCHAM FOR REVIEW OF FERA, MRTP ACT" appearing in the "*Economic Times*" dated 2-7-1989.

(b) and (c) In so far as Ministry of Industry is concerned, a final decision on the proposals for further amendment to the MRTP Act, 1969 will be taken only after the strategy for industrial development for the 8th Plan has been formulated.

Price control on Timolol

1450. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1595 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Timolol has been excluded from price control on the ground that its demand is very small;

(b) whether his Ministry checked up the CIF value of imports of this drug;

(c) if so, what was the quantity and CIF value of imports of this drug during the last three years year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are number of drugs which have much less demand than this drug and are covered under price control; and

(e) what are the names of those drugs and what is the justification in retaining those drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. Timolol has not been excluded from price control. However, this drug has been shifted from Category-I to Category-II on the basis of the recommendation contained in the Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee. 26 drugs having low sales turnover have also been price decontrolled on the basis of the recommendations of this committee.

Booking of cars under 'Professional Quota Scheme' by Maruti Udyog Limited

1451. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether cars were booked in Delhi by the Maruti Udyog Limited in 1988 under the 'Professional Quota Scheme';

(b) if so, what is the number of cars booked under the scheme, category-wise;

(c) what is the number of applicants, category-wise, who have since been allotted the vehicles; and

(d) by when the remaining applicants will be allotted the vehicles ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Eligible applicants are registered for allotment of cars under the Manufacturer's Quota in terms of the Supreme Court orders, whenever their applications are received. The number of applications received under the category of Doctors, Lawyers, Journalists and Professors as per Supreme Court Guidelines is as under :—

	No. of applications received for allotment of Maruti Cars	No of applicants who have been allotted Maruti Cars
Doctors	4151	1603
Lawyers	2273	707
Journalists	71	37
Professors	38	12
TOTAL	6533	2359

(d) It is not possible to indicate a precise date, as clearance of these applications also depends on the number of applications received under other eligible categories since the unutilized quota is diverted to this category.

मारूति कारों की बुकिंग

1452. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 800 सी० सी० और 1000 सी० सी० मारूति कारों की बुकिंग कब से शुरू होने की सम्भावना है; और

(ख) 1000 सी० सी० मारूति कार की कुल लागत कितनी होगी ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) : (क) 800 सी० सी० कारों के लिए चालू बुकिंग सूची के समाप्त होने पर ग्राहकों से इस कार की आगे की बुकिंग डीलरों द्वारा सीधे ही स्वीकार की जाएगी। ऐसी आशा की जाती है कि ऐसी स्थिति लगभग अप्रैल, 1990 तक आ जाएगी। 1000 सी० सी० की मारूति कारों की बुकिंग के लिए तारीख को अभी अन्तिम